

ADLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL OFFICE,
ADLINGTON.

30th August, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Adlington Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

I submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the health of your district for the second year in which I have had the honour to serve you as Medical Officer of Health.

The continuation of the war renders it inadvisable to make observations on matters which would probably lead to controversy, particularly as the question of manpower is so acute, causing the task of making improvements costly and difficult.

The area of the Urban District has not varied and remains at 1062 acres.

Sources of employment remain much the same as last year and more women continue to be absorbed into industry.

The statistics are based on figures that have been supplied to me by the Registrar General. Details of the population are not given as it is considered undesirable to publish particulars of this nature.

Births registered during the year, allocated to this Urban District number 68 (34 males and 34 females) being 6 less than for the year 1942. There was one illegitimate birth registered. The birth rate is equal to 19.19 per 1000 of the population and compares with 20.57 for the year 1942. There were no still births registered during the year.

Four female children died before attaining the age of one year and this figure calculated on the number of children born gives a rate equal to 58 deaths per 1000 births, or 1.1 per 1000 of the population, and in my opinion is higher than it ought to be, comparing unfavourably with the rate for England and Wales in 1942, when it was 52.8 and .84 respectively.

The number of deaths registered as belonging to your district from all causes was 32 (13 males and 19 females) which gives a death rate equal to 9.0 per 1000 of the population and compares favourably with the rate of 13.62 in 1942.

The deaths have been classified as follows:

Whooping Cough.	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1
Influenza	5
Cancer	6
Diabetes	1
Intercranial vascular lesions	2
Heart Diseases	9
Bronchitis	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1
Other Digestive disorders	1
Nephritis	2
Premature Birth	1

No deaths were registered as due to violence of any description.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	13
Whooping Cough	32
Diphtheria	4
Erysipelas	2
Measles	101
Pneumonia	13
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3

Total 170

In all, 18 cases were removed for treatment to the Isolation Hospital, Heath Charnock.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 2 cases of Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System and 6 cases of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis notified during the year.

GENERAL SANITARY CONDITIONS

The water supply continues to be adequate and of good quality. The systematic inspection of dwelling houses is still out of the question on account of the difficult labour position. Dairies, Cowsheds and places where food is prepared have been visited. As mentioned in my report last year the Dairy Farms do not come up to the required standard and as soon as labour and materials become available you would do well to devote your energies in this direction.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

Nothing has occurred during the year to which it has been necessary to draw your attention. At one Cotton Mill a Canteen for the purpose of supplying meals to the Employees has been installed and must have proved a great boon.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year under review, 55 children under 5 years of age and 15 over 5 years of age were immunised against Diphtheria. It is estimated that the percentage of child population now immunised under 5 years of age equals 81% and between 5 years and 15 years 67%.

The campaign for immunisation will continue to be vigorously waged with a view to every child receiving treatment on attaining one year of age.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. GILLON BRAND.

Medical Officer of Health.

